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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOS ISSUES STRONG STATEMENT ON MERCENARY ATTACK
AGAINST BENIN

1. MINISTRY FONAFF ISSUED STRONGLY WORDED STATEMENT JAN 20
RE RECENT MERCENARY ATTACK AGAINST BENIN. STATEMENT
CONDEMNED "BARBARIAN AGGRESSION" AND PRAISED PEOPLE OF
BENIN IN THEIR "MAGNIFICANT TRIUMPH". FONMINY EXPRESSED
DEEP EXASPERATION OVER IMPLICATION OF "SOME AFRICAN
COUNTRIES IN TRAINING MERCENARIES IN THEIR LANDS AND
INCITING THEM TO LAUNCH AGGRESSION AGAINST SISTER AFRICAN
COUNTRIES". GOS URGED OAU TO HASTEN PREPARATION OF
RESOLUTION CONTROLLING MERCENARY ACTIVITY IN AFRICA
WHICH WAS RECOMMENDED BY OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTER SESSION
WHEN IT MET IN MAURITIUS LAST JUNE.

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT NIMEIRI TOLD AMBASSADOR
JAN 18 HE BELIEVED LIBYANS WERE INVOLVED IN BENIN
COUP ATTEMPT. REFERENCE IN FONMINY STATEMENT TO "SOME
AFRICAN COUNTRIES" NO DOUBT IS MEANT TO INCLUDE LIBYA.
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NALL FOR OAU TO ACT ON MERCENARY RESOLUTION REFLECTS
CONTINUING GOS CONCERN OVER SOME NEW ATTACK AGAINST
NIMEIRI REGIME SIMILAR TO THAT MOUNTED LAST JULY BY WHAT GOS
HAS OFTEN CHARACTERIZED AS LIBYAN-BACKED "MERCENARIES".
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